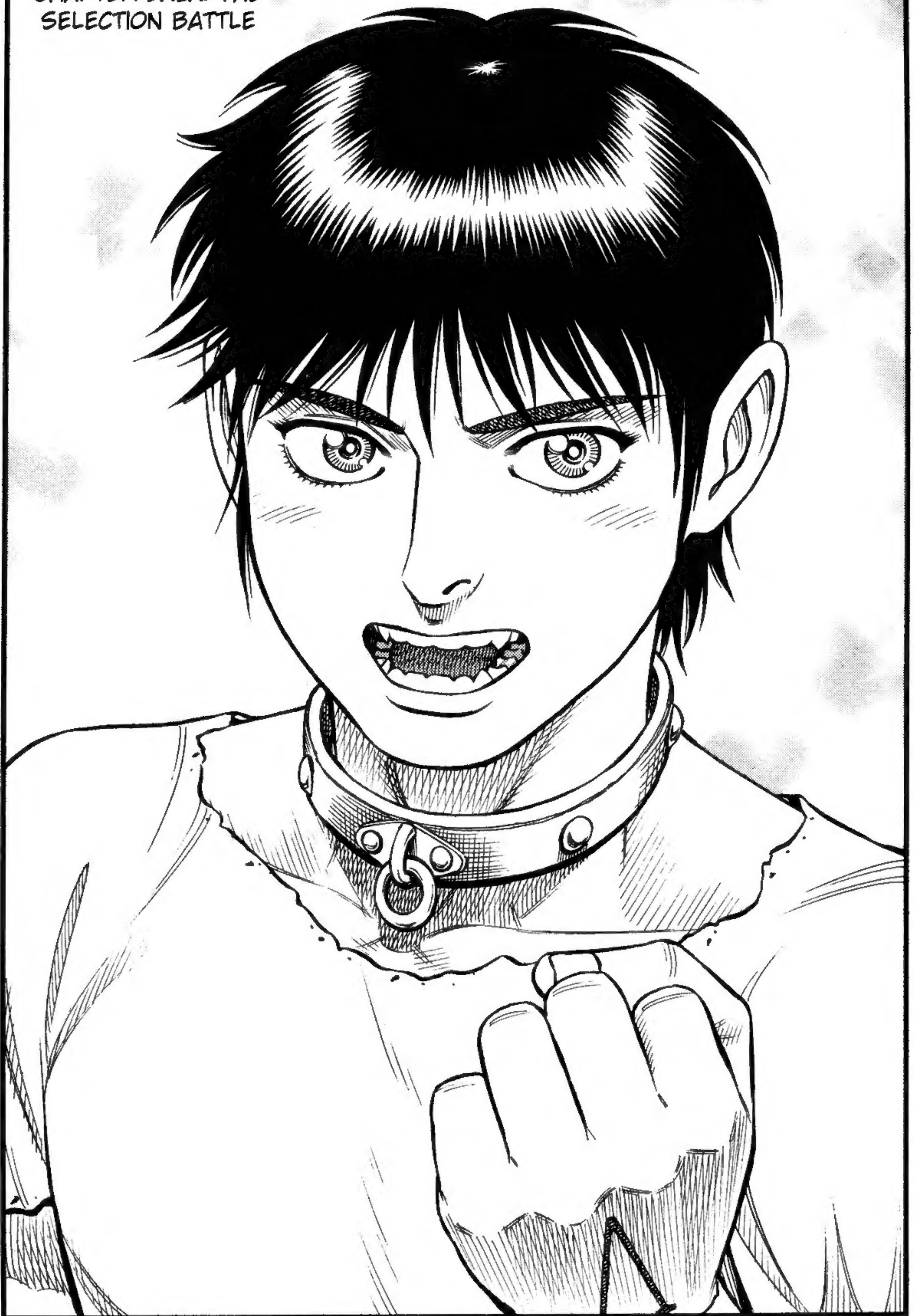
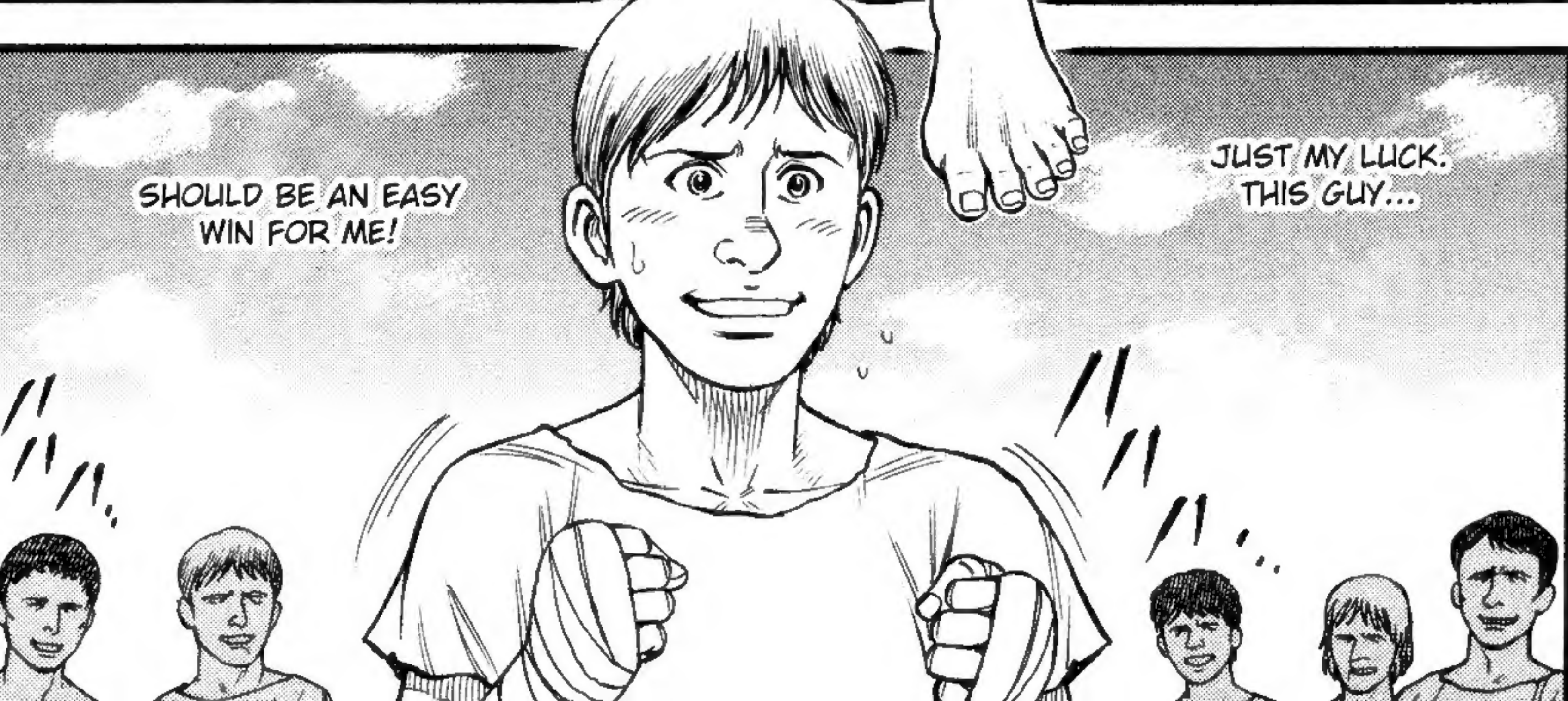


CHAPTER LXIX: THE
SELECTION BATTLE









INDEED IT CAN BE SAID TO BE THE FOUNDATIONAL POSITION FOR INFIGHTERS.

NOWADAYS, A CROUCHING STYLE SUCH AS THIS, WITH ITS LOW CENTRE OF GRAVITY, IS NOT UNUSUAL.

FOR A SHORT, TOUGH FIGHTER LIKE GETTY THEN, IT IS MOST SUITABLE.

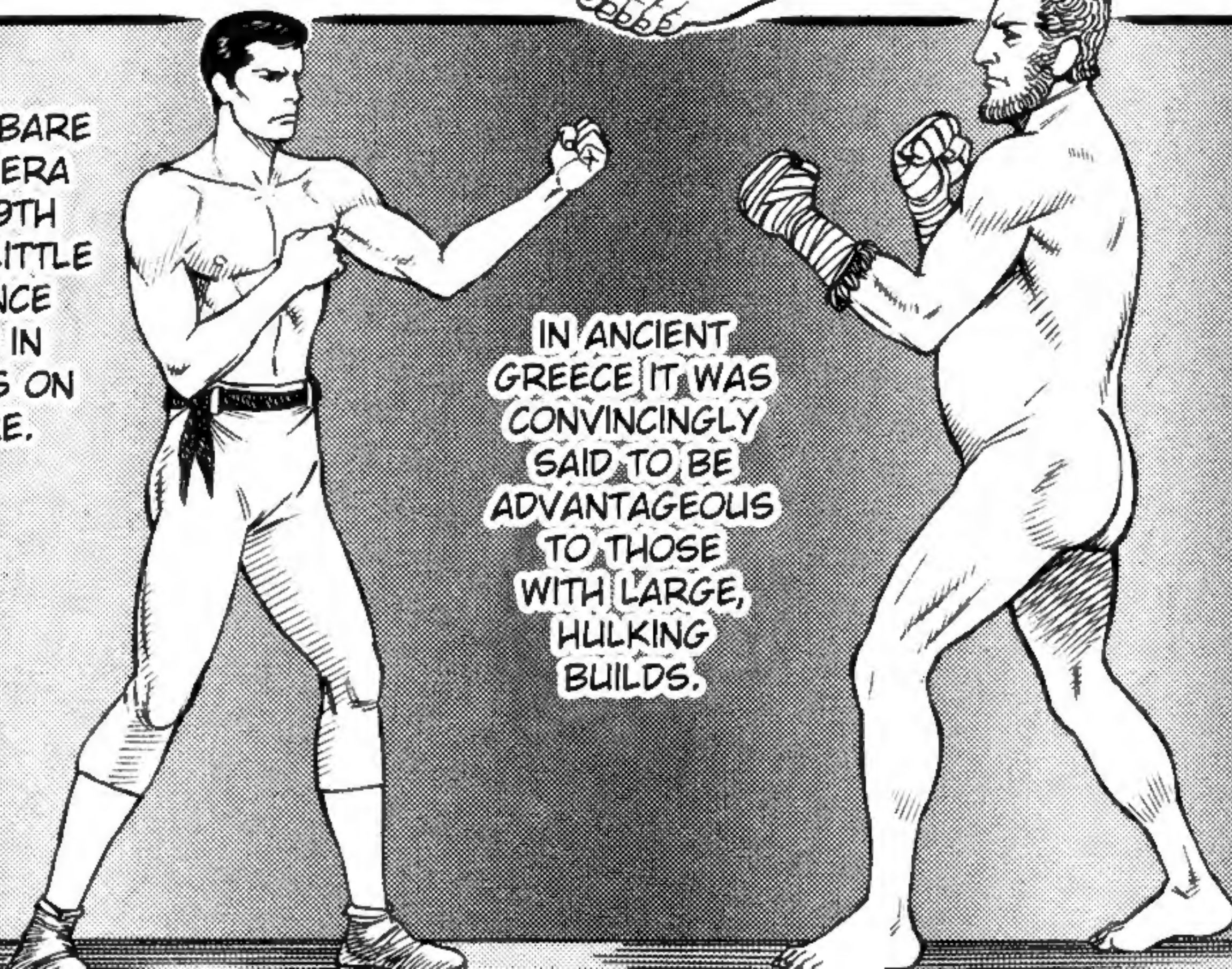
YET WHAT OF THE ANCIENT BOXING WORLD?

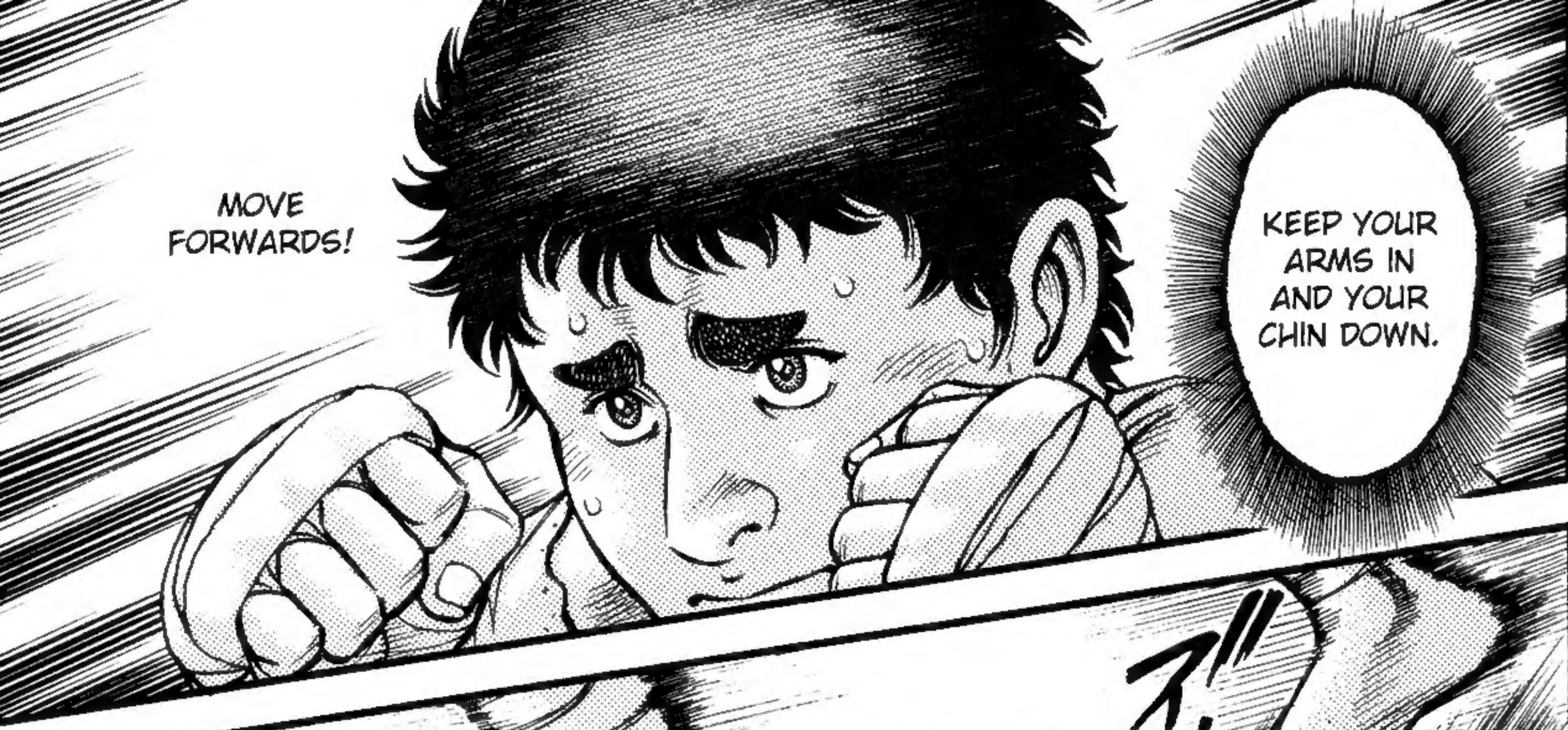


EVEN COME THE BARE KNUCKLE ERA OF THE 19TH CENTURY, LITTLE DIFFERENCE EXISTED IN THOUGHTS ON POSTURE.

IN ANCIENT GREECE IT WAS CONVINCINGLY SAID TO BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO THOSE WITH LARGE, HULKING BUILDS.

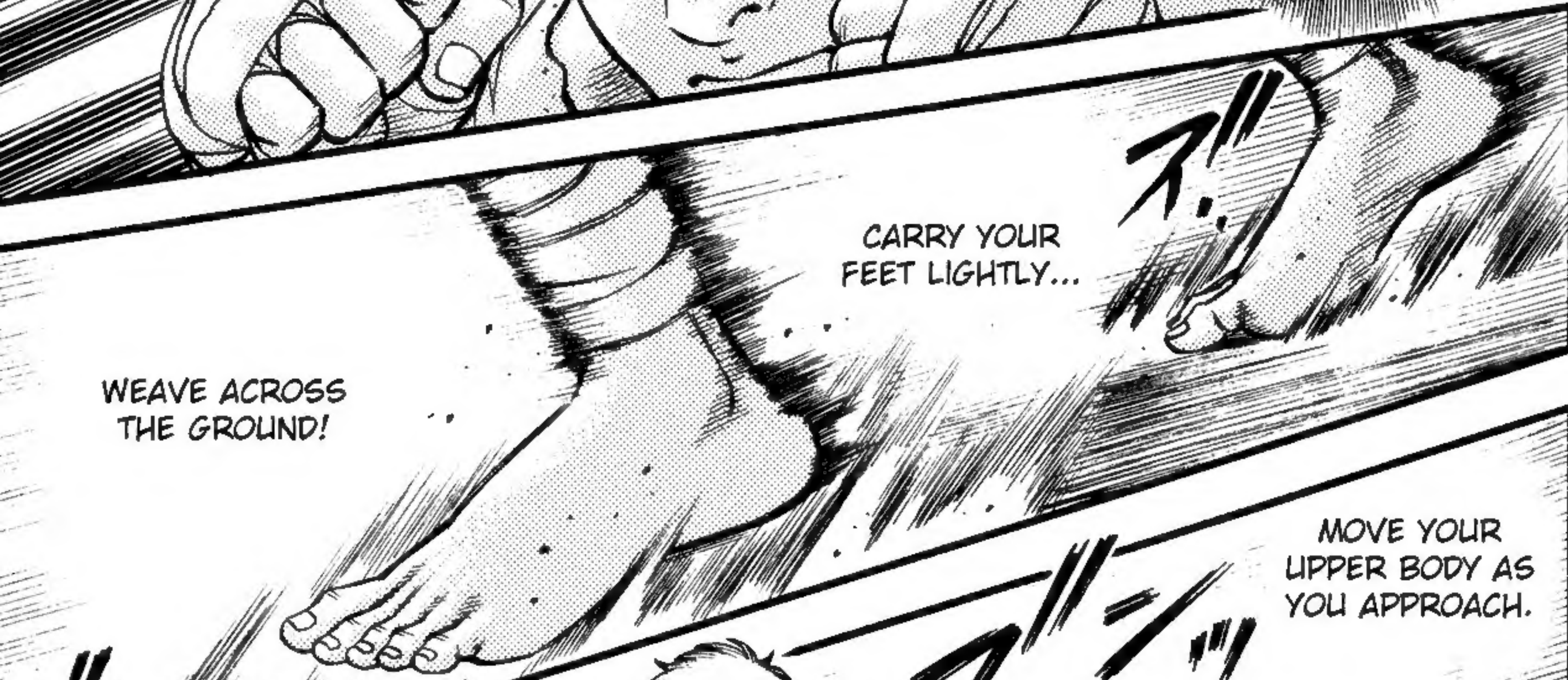
THERE, MOST COMMON KNOWLEDGE HELD THAT ONE SHOULD DO THE OPPOSITE, THAT IS, TO LEAN BACK WITH ONE'S HEAD BEHIND.





MOVE
FORWARDS!

KEEP YOUR
ARMS IN
AND YOUR
CHIN DOWN.



CARRY YOUR
FEET LIGHTLY...

WEAVE ACROSS
THE GROUND!



MOVE YOUR
UPPER BODY AS
YOU APPROACH.



WITHOUT BEING
FOCUSED ON, CLOSE
THE GAP.



YOU'RE IN
RANGE!

IF YOU COULD BITE
AT HIS THROAT...



BUH!

PUNCH!



PUNCH!

YOU... YOU
SHIT!



MY FISTS
ACTUALLY
REACHED HIM!



I PUNCHED
HIM!

WHAT A PAIN
IN THE ASS WAY
TO FIGHT!

THIS BLOODY
TURTLE...

DON'T TAKE
ANY MORE
HITS!

KEEP ON
PUSHING
IN!

DON'T
STEP
ASIDE!

SWING
ABOUT,
MOVE!

IF YOUR
HEAD'S HIT AND
IN PAIN...

FIGHT
THROUGH
IT!



TH... THE
DIRTY GIT!

HE EVEN USED
A HEADBUTT!



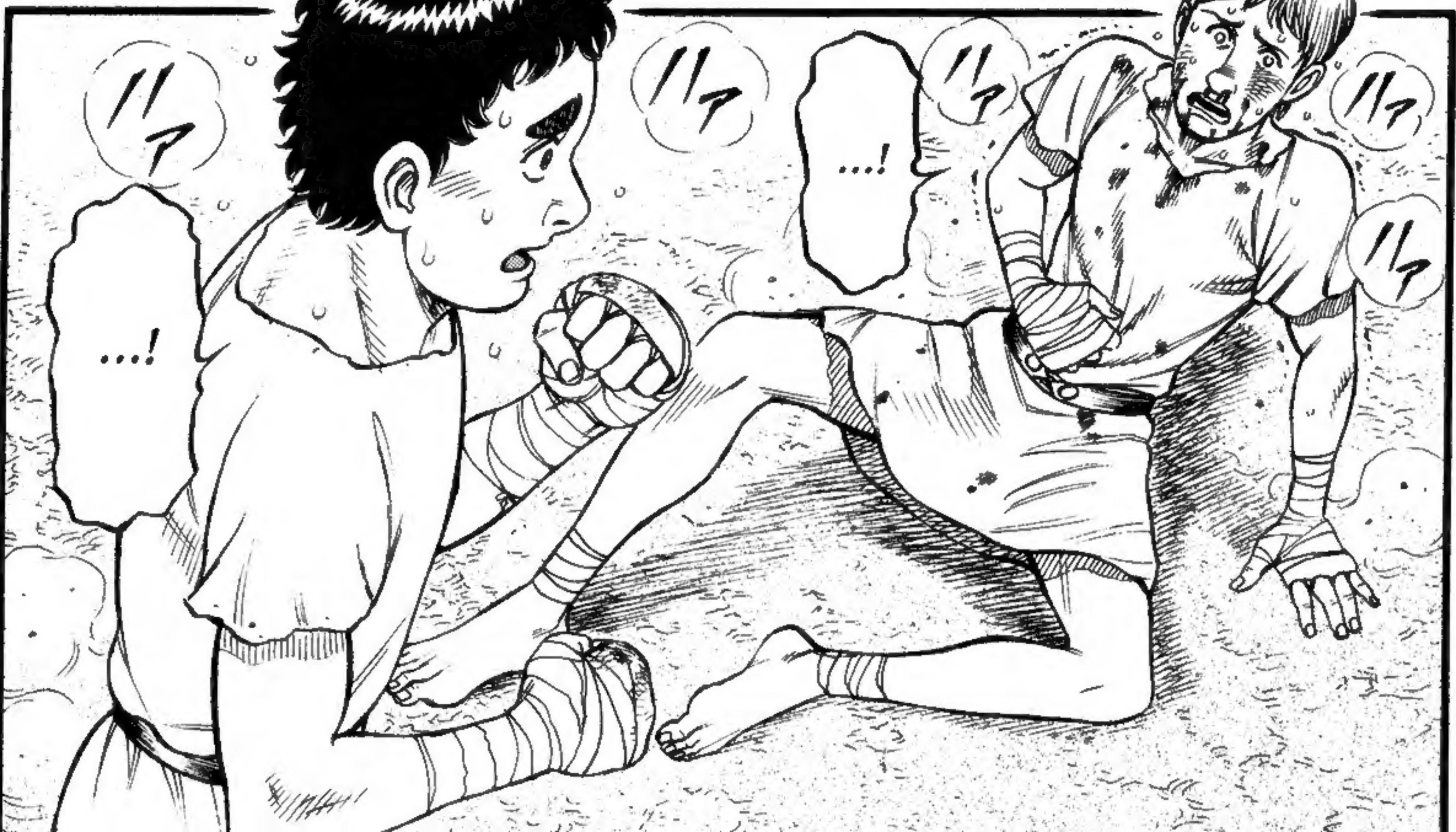
IT WASN'T
INTENTION-
AL...



WITHOUT
HESITATION HE
PUSHED IN AND
CRUSHED THE
GAP BETWEEN
HIM AND HIS
OPPONENT, YET
FALTERED FROM
CONSECUTIVE
BLOWS.

HOWEVER,
HE GOT
CARRIED
AWAY AND
SHIFTED HIS
CENTRE
TOO FAR
FORWARD.

IN CLOSE
COMBAT
FIGHTS IT CAN
HAPPEN FAIRLY
OFTEN BY
ACCIDENT!





AH...

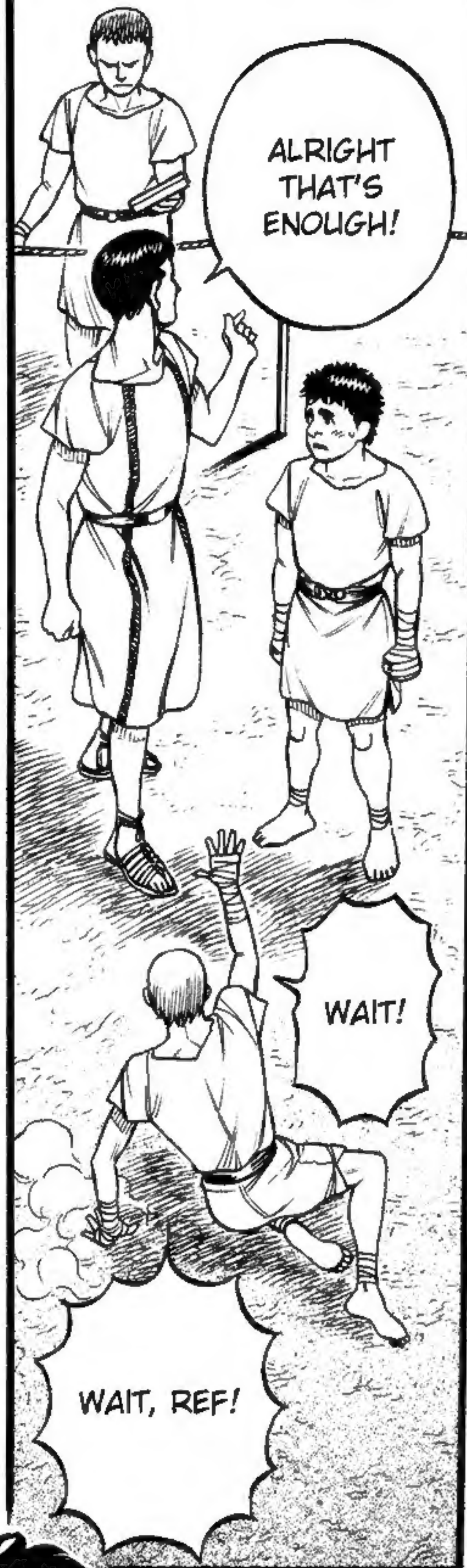
UHH...



JUST
GIVE IN!

YOU'LL
BE BACKUP.

#2.



ALRIGHT
THAT'S
ENOUGH!

WAIT!

WAIT, REF!



THE
VICTOR IS
GETTY!

GOOD
JOB,
GOOD
JOB,
GOOD
JOB!

I
WON?!

I'M THE...
WINNER?!







AND THIS
BASTARD, THIS
BASTAAARD!

IT'S ME...



SO YOU'RE
CARRYING ON WITH
THE BEGINNERS...
WITH THE NOVICE
FIGHTS THEN.



QUITE
SO.

IF THEY WERE REALLY
ABLE TO FIGHT THEY
SHOULD'VE BEEN
MAKING ME MONEY
FOR AGES NOW.



THEY'RE
PRETTY
BULLSHIT
RIGHT.



AND HE'S
HOPELESS WHEN
IT COMES TO
DICTATING HIS
WORDS AND
ACTIONS.

HIS TEMPERAMENT
IN ACTUAL SITUATIONS
IS AN ISSUE.



CAREFUL!
MAKE SURE
YOU HIT HIM
WITH YOUR
CLENCHED
FIST!

YOU'RE
RUSHING
YOUR
BLOWS!



YET HIS FUNDAMENTALS
ARE REASONABLE...

THE WORK HE'S DONE ON
CONSECUTIVE HITS IS BY NO
MEANS BAD...



PLUS,
EVEN IF
YOU CAN
DAZZLE
HIM WITH
TECHNIQUE...

HE'S A
HARD ONE
TO KNOCK
DOWN.

HE'S COWARDLY AT
HEART, WHICH HAS
HELPED IMPROVE
HIS ACCURACY...





